



# CULTURE AND CONVERSATION!

American Slang and Idioms



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# GETTING TO KNOW YOU!

-Your Name

- -Where you're from (City, Country)
- -Languages you speak
- -Are you currently in the U.S.? If so, how long have you been in the U.S.?
- -Personality Question: If you had your own late-night talk show/podcast/radio show, who would you invite as your first guest?



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# A SAMPLE OF SOUTHERN....



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# CAN YOU GUESS THE MEANINGS?

1. **Ain't** (Are not, is not)
2. **Pitch a fit** (Throw a tantrum, freak out)
3. **Reckon** (Suppose or guess)
4. **Hankerin'** (A desire or craving for something)
5. **Howdy** (Form of "hello", greeting)
- 6) **Sugah** (Loving term, misspelling of "sugar")
- 7) **Bless your heart** (Expression of pity (sometimes sarcasm))
- 8) **Fixin' to** (About to do something)
- 9) **Fit as a fiddle** (Healthy, fit, good to go)
- 10) **Redneck** (Negative/offensive term for rural, southern person)



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# SOME SLANG/TERMS YOU WILL COME ACROSS IN GEORGIA

**Y'all:** You all, all of you

**Dawgs:** Misspelling/pronunciation of “dogs”, usually referring to the University of Georgia football team

**Holler:** To yell, to call (someone)

**404:** An Atlanta phone area code, the number is used to mean “Atlanta” or “in the Atlanta area”

**Might Could:** Maybe can, might be able to

**“85”:** What locals call interstate 85 which runs through Atlanta and GA from North to South

**OTP:** Outside the perimeter; Any address/place outside of interstate 285

**ITP:** Inside the perimeter; Any address/place inside interstate 285

**“The A-T-L”/“The A”:** Nicknames for Atlanta

**Down Yonder:** Over there, a place not too far away

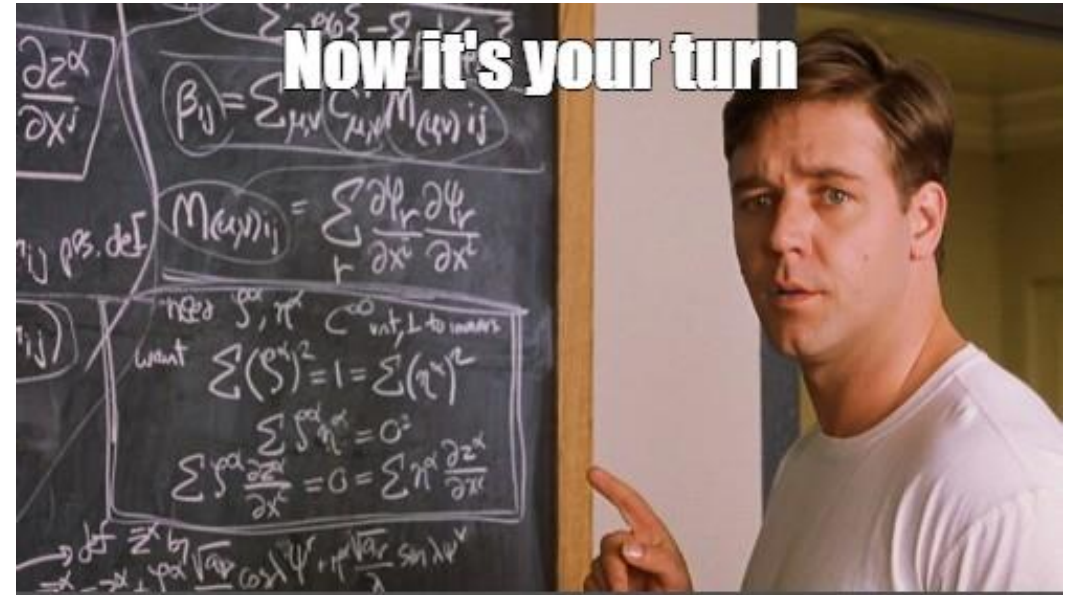


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WHAT ARE SOME SAYINGS/SLANG  
TERMS UNIQUE TO YOUR NATIVE  
LANGUAGE OR DIALECT?

HAVE YOU HEARD ANY ATLANTA,  
GEORGIA, OR UNITED STATES  
SLANG TERMS YOU DON'T  
UNDERSTAND? DO YOU HAVE ANY YOU  
USE?



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# THANKS FOR ATTENDING!

Don't forget to email me, Ford Johnson, at [RJOHN40@emory.edu](mailto:RJOHN40@emory.edu) if you have any ideas for future "Culture and Conversation" topics you'd like to see in the future 😊



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